

A **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge was held on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in the Council Chamber of The Municipal Building, Glen Ridge, New Jersey at 7:30 p m.

Council President Lefkovits led The Council and the citizens in attendance in a Salute to the Flag.

Council President Lefkovits read a prepared statement that adequate notice of this meeting had been provided to the public as required by statutes.

Present: Council President Lefkovits, Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow.

Absent: Mayor Hughes.

The following Borough Officers were in attendance: Borough Attorney Malyska and Public Safety Director Byron - Lagattuta.

It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz, that the Minutes Of The **REGULAR** Meeting of The Mayor And Borough Council of The Borough Of Glen Ridge that was held on Monday, **November 23<sup>rd</sup>**, 2015 be approved as submitted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote. Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy, Morrow and Council President Lefkovits voting aye and noes none.

Municipal Clerk Rohal presented the following written communications:

A letter to Administrator Rohal from Katelynne Wolf, Project Manager, Emergency Management Section, advising that FEMA has awarded Glen Ridge a Hazard Mitigation grant for a generator project in the amount of \$ 165,650.00. Council President Lefkovits ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes from George F. Serio, Jr., Director, Essex County Division Of Housing And Community Development, advising that Glen Ridge has been awarded \$40,000.00 through the C.D.B.G. Program to fund the Borough's ADA street ramp improvements. Council President Lefkovits ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from Bethany J. O'Toole, Chief Financial Officer of The Essex County Utilities Authority, advising of the 2016 tipping fees for Municipal Processible Waste, Non-processible Waste and Commercial Processible Waste. Council President Lefkovits ordered that the correspondence be filed.

A letter to Mayor Hughes and The Borough Council from Laurie Howard, Chair, The Board Of Trustees, The Passaic River Coalition, advising that they welcome assisting municipalities with specific issues regarding their water resources. Council President Lefkovits ordered that the correspondence be filed.

Mr. Edward Kastenmeier of 139 Ridgewood Avenue, Glen Ridge and Ms. Marion Tande of 237 Washington Street, Glen Ridge addressed the Borough Council on the increased traffic along Washington Street caused by the new Foodtown Supermarket that has recently opened on Lackawanna Plaza in Bloomfield.

Public Safety Committee Chairman Lisovicz and Police Chief Byron reported that the Montclair Police have been requested to assist with enforcement of traffic statutes and the Police Department has initiated a traffic study to determine traffic conditions and traffic patterns in the area.

Borough Administrator Rohal reported that the height of the speed bumps along Washington Street are determined and controlled by The State's Department Of Transportation. Mr. Rohal will investigate the number of speed bumps that can be placed on Washington Street.

Councilman Murphy suggested that radar be placed on Washington Street west of Hillside Avenue.

Mr. Alan Reiger of 46 Essex Avenue, Glen Ridge, reported that he and a number of Glen Ridge residents delivered a petition to the Bloomfield Council advising that they strongly oppose the stripping of Essex Avenue.

Administrator Rohal reported that a Bloomfield / Glen Ridge engineers meeting is being coordinated for some time in early January.

Ms. Cheryl Landis of 126 Essex Avenue, Glen Ridge, reported that there are more cars along Essex Avenue but that they are not traveling any faster. Ms. Landis also requested that more trees be put on Essex Avenue to replace the trees that were removed prior to the road project.

Mrs. Jacqueline S. Yustein of 326 Washington Street, Glen Ridge and Essex County liaison Zoo is open to received visitors to view the annual holiday light show and that Kips Castle in Verona is currently running daily tours.

Council President Lefkovits reported that the annual Reorganization meeting of the Mayor And Borough Council will take place on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 6:30. Council President Lefkovits reported that at that meeting Councilman Stuart Patrick will be sworn in as our next Mayor and Councilman Lisovicz and Councilwoman Morrow will be sworn in to another term as Councilperson's.

Council President Lefkovits commended and congratulated Chief Byron - Lagattuta on the service, dedication and recognition ceremony of our Police Officers that was held earlier this evening.

Council President Lefkovits announced that the December 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Mayor And Council has been cancelled and that the next meeting of the Council will be held on January 4<sup>th</sup> prior to the Annual Meeting.

Council President Lefkovits suspended the Regular Order Of Business to conduct the second of two public hearings on suggested application projects for the 2016 Community Development Block Grant Program. ( 7:52 p. m. )

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that CDGB money can be used to serve low to moderate income population as well as seniors and the disabled. Applicants are required to present their proposals in a

public forum. The Council reviews the proposals and presents a Resolution ranking the applications. The applications are then sent to the Essex County Office of Housing and Community Development for final review. The Essex County office will then announce the grant awards. The notice of the award date has not yet been established.

Municipal Clerk Rohal asked that any applicants come forward at this time and present their proposal. There being no proposals from the floor at this time the second public hearing was closed.

Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the administration will be submitting requests for additional barrier free enhancements, handicap crosswalk ramping and road projects.

Council President Lefkovits resumed the Regular Order Of Business. ( 7:54 p.m. )

Ordinance No. 1635 entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING TITLES FOR  
NON-UNION AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE  
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE AND FIXING THE  
2016 MAXIMUM ANNUAL SALARIES AND OTHER  
COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE TITLES**

was presented for final reading. The Ordinance title was read by Councilperson Patrick. Municipal Clerk Rohal reported that the Ordinance has been published and posted as required by statutes. Council President Lefkovits declared the meeting open for a public hearing on the Ordinance. No one wished to be heard on the Ordinance. Mayor Hughes declared the public hearing closed. It was moved by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz that Ordinance No. 1635 be finally adopted. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Lefkovits, Dawson, Murphy and Morrow voting aye and noes none. Council President Lefkovits declared that this Ordinance is finally adopted.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy, Morrow and Council President Lefkovits voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 136 - 15 )

**CLAIMS - APPROVAL OF**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 192 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy, Morrow and Council President Lefkovits voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 137 - 15 )

**EXEMPT EMPLOYEES - SALARIES**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 193 & B )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Patrick, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy, Morrow and Council President Lefkovits voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 138 - 15 )

**TRANSFERS - 2015 BUDGET**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 193 - B )

Councilman Lisovicz, Chairman of The Public Safety Committee, reported that it was very rewarding to watch the presentation of awards that were given earlier and he commended Chief Byron for her leadership.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Lisovicz, seconded by Councilperson Patrick and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy, Morrow and Council President Lefkovits voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 139 - 15 )

**SOCIAL AFFAIRS PERMIT - APPROVAL**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 194 )

Councilman Dawson, Chairman of The Public Works Committee, reported on the following D.P.W. activities; parks and fields are being prepared for winter activities, Borough properties are being cleared of leaves and debris, mechanics are making final preparations on snow removal equipment for winter and the new toro tractor has been received and will be used in both the summer and winter months.

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy, Morrow, Council President Lefkovits voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 140 - 15 )

**C.D.B.G. - GRANT - AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 194 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Lisovicz and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy, Morrow and Council President Lefkovits voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 141 - 15 )

**O.E.M. - GENERATOR - MUNICIPAL COMPLEX**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 195 )

The following was introduced by Councilperson Dawson, seconded by Councilperson Murphy and adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy, Morrow and Council President Lefkovits voting aye and noes none:

( Resolution No. 142 - 15 )

**CANCEL - ORDINANCE NO. 1615**

( See Resolution Book No. 19 - Page No. 19 - 195 )

Councilman Murphy, Chairman of The Parks And Recreation Committee, reported that there were a record number of runners in this years Ashenfelter 8K and Tom Fleming Mile and he thanked the Public Works Crews and the Department Of Public Safety for their providing additional security and making this a very safe event for all participants.

Councilman Murphy also reported that the field season is over and that the Freeman Tennis Court project has been completed.

Councilwoman Morrow, Chairwoman of The Planning And Development Committee, reported that the Mountainside Hospital traffic study meeting will be held tomorrow, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p. m. for Laurel Place residents and that the public meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m.

Administrator Rohal reported that the States Historic Preservation Office approved this years Douglas Road street project.

Administrator Rohal also reported that N. J. Transit has advised that the westbound staircase at the Ridgewood Avenue station is going to be replaced. The project is expected to begin on or about December 28<sup>th</sup>. Logistic info will be put up on the website as soon as it is known.

Police Chief Byron - Lagatutta reported that stolen vehicle reports and entered vehicle reports are on the rise. Residents are reminded to lock their vehicles and to report any suspicious activities to the Police.

Chief Byron also reported that the departments month long fund raiser for the Zeuner Foundation raised over \$4,000. On behalf of the Police Department, Chief Byron, thanked all who participated in this worthwhile endeavor.

Ms. Deborah Dine of 26 Laurel Place, Glen Ridge thanked The Borough Council for all that they have done to make tomorrow evenings traffic study report to the residents of Laurel Place possible.

It was moved by Councilperson Morrow, seconded by Councilperson Murphy that this meeting be adjourned. The Motion was adopted by an aye and no vote; Councilpersons Patrick, Lisovicz, Dawson, Murphy, Morrow and Council President Lefkovits voting aye and noes none.

Council President Lefkovits declared that this meeting is hereby adjourned.

The Council adjourned at 8:16 p. m.

*Michael J. Rohal*

Michael J. Rohal,  
Municipal Clerk